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SURPRISE CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

An exclusive preview of the Freedom Productions Film

"GUILTY OF TREASON"

based on the OPC book, "As We See Russia",

will be offered Overseas Press Club members

on Tuesday, December 27, at 6:30 P.M.

in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel

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Following the preview, OPC members will be the guests of Eagle
Lion Film Distributors at a buffet supper given in their honor.

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Admission will be by invitation only. So return the enclosed card
to Club headquarters not later than December 23 if you plan to attend.
Each member may invite one (and only one) guest. Upon receipt of your card,
a personal invitation will be mailed to you. But all acceptances must be
received before the December 23 deadline.

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Present at the preview will be many distinguished guests, as well
as member-authors of chapters in "As We See Russia" (published by E. P. Dutton
in 1948), who are especially invited to attend.

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DUE TO THE HOLIDAYS THERE WILL BE NO BULLETIN NEXT WEEK

| O F F I C I A L |

Admissions Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....6 P.M. Tuesday, Dec. 20

Awards Committee Meeting.....Clubrooms.....5:30 P.M. Wednesday, Jan. 4

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A SPECIAL STATEMENT FROM THE PRESIDENT

In view of reports which have appeared on the radio and in the press concerning the action of the Board of Governors at its meeting on Tuesday, December 6, and to set at rest any confusion that may have arisen among members of the Club, the President this week said he felt the entire membership -- in this issue of the Bulletin -- should be given a complete account of the action.

At this meeting it was charged that the Secretary had disclosed certain information regarding a member's arrangements with the Correspondents Fund. It was further charged that the President's orders and wishes had been ignored.

The President summarized these remarks for Miss Hensell in the presence of the Board of Governors and she was given an opportunity to state her side of the case. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Board voted by 12 to 5 to terminate the Secretary's paid services with a vote of thanks and, in effect, without prejudice. The Secretary on December 13 was given a severance settlement in the presence of the Treasurer, Mr. RALPH FRANTZ, and of Mr. REAVIS O'NEAL, also a member of the Board.

The President has not discussed and will not discuss this matter in the press. He wishes, however, to take this opportunity to ask for the support of the entire membership, whatever the past differences have been over administration of the Club. The President asks one and all to put an end to politics and get on with the job of making this an even better Club.

FRANK KELLEY
President

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ON TV WITH THE OPC
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The President and the Television Committee are happy to announce that the Columbia Broadcasting System has decided to renew, for a period of 13 weeks beginning Sunday, January 8, the OPC's weekly television program which appears over WCBS-TV each week. Leon Levine, CBS program producer, informed President KELLEY this week that CBS had received excellent public reaction to the program, particularly within the past few weeks. The President wishes to thank the Television Committee publicly for its efforts and devotion to this program, which has shown

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such great promise and potentialities.

"MID-CENTURY: HALFWAY TO WHERE?" is the intriguing subject of the Club's television show for Sunday, December 18 (WCBS-TV, Channel 2, 5-5:30 P.M.). To discuss what the future may offer, the OPC presents EDWARD R. MURROW, distinguished CBS news commentator; DOROTHY THOMPSON, columnist and lecturer; and J. M. ROBERTS, JR., international affairs analyst for the AP. QUINCY HOWE will be moderator. Due to the holidays, the OPC's TV show will be off the air from next Sunday's program until January 8, 1950.

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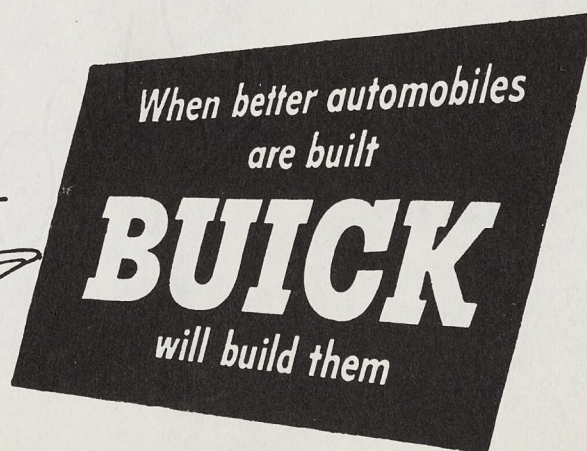
THREE OPC MEMBERS last week participated in a panel discussion on press camp problems sponsored by the 1st Army Public Information Reserve Unit. BOB CONSIDINE represented roving correspondents, while the spokesmen for still photographers was BERT BRANDT; JOHN D. LEVIEN, Pathe News editor and a Reserve Lieutenant Colonel, was a member of the Army panel.

JUST CALL HER "PROFESSOR" now, for ADELE NATHAN has just joined the School of Drama faculty of the American Theater Wing. Teaches an 8-week course called "Industrial Drama and Community Pageants"....NOLA LUXFORD now doubles in brass as the Hotel Pierre's director of PR and producer-director for fashion shows held there...

A QUICK BUSINESS TRIP has taken EGBERT WHITE to Paris and London for consultations with publishers of the British and Swedish editions of his United Nations World...For an insight into the only Communist state west of the Iron Curtain, take a look at BILL ATWOOD's piece in the December 12 Life; it's all about the tiny Republic of San Marino.

WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT THE BOOK ***** Favorable reviews of the OPC's new book, "Men Who Make Your World" (E. P. Dutton, \$3.50) continue to appear in newspapers across the nation...Here are a few excerpts: "In order to obtain any appreciable understanding of the world today, it is necessary to understand the handful of men who dominate the world. Here they are in a fascinating parade"--Boston Sunday Post...."The combined familiarity with the world of its (the OPC's) 700 members probably equals that of occupants of the building in Washington that houses the Department of State"--New York Times Book Review.... "Pessimistic though the outlook may be, the brilliantly written profiles of the most dynamic personalities of the age, from MacArthur to Franco, add new understanding to names that make news...Realistic appraisal of the two dozen men believed by many topnotch reporters to hold the keys to the world's future" -- Miami Herald.

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MCGOWAN REPORTS ON
CORRESPONDENTS PLIGHT
IN WESTERN GERMANY

In a letter received this week by HENRY GELLERMAN, New York Sun correspondent GAULT MCGOWAN reports from Heidelberg that postponement of the recent plan to make Germany assume responsibility for servicing foreign correspondents accomplished little. It provided temporary soothing for the ruffled feelings of correspondents stationed in Germany, MCGOWAN asserts. Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson should make the final decision, MCGOWAN insists, and passing the buck to Army brass in Germany may be dangerous. For The Sun's correspondent alleges that some Army bigwigs are definitely antagonistic to the press corps and would like nothing better than to see them leave the theater for good.

AP members recently received the announcement that a solid-page feature on Holy Year has just been prepared by FRANK BRUTTO of AP's Rome Bureau...A special award for "continuing excellence in the presentation of the story of domestic and foreign travel to the American public" was presented early this month to BEACH CONGER, N. Y. Herald Tribune travel editor, by the American Society of Travel Agents.

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THERE IS A SILVER LINING to the cloud that hangs over Allied correspondents in Germany, according to SIDNEY MOSELEY. He reports that a spanking-new Frankfurt Press Club will open in a new clubhouse on December 18. Quarters in the Park Hotel were closed December 16. Formal christening of the new hangout will feature free cocktails and buffet supper, with regular meals served the following day. And on December 22 correspondents will ring in the holiday season with a gala Christmas dance and club anniversary party. The cost? Just three bucks a couple. Anyone want to hop over for the occasion?

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 President FRANK KELLEY announces the appointment of RALPH H. MAJOR, JR. as Chairman of the Bulletin Committee and Temporary Editor of the Bulletin pending the naming of a new paid Secretary...News items for the Bulletin, however, should continue to be sent to Club headquarters.

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WINE TASTING CONTEST:
THREE MEMBERS SPEAK

A hundred-odd thirsty OPC members jammed into the Club-rooms on December 14 to curl their tongues in a wine-tasting contest sponsored by Tom Marvel and Frank Schoonmaker...A table loaded with unlabeled bottles of six different French and American vintages attracted guests to try their luck at guessing the contents...Winner of the First Prize was MAURICE A. CARRIE. Runners-up were ELIOT ELISOFFON of Life and RALPH FRANTZ of the N. Y. Herald Tribune.

While the judges were poring over entry blanks, JACK BIRNS and ROY ROWAN, the Time-Life writer-photog team, took listeners inside beleaguered China. Both were in Mukden four days before the capital fell. BIRNS related discussing conditions with American Consul General Angus Ward, who said there was nothing worse than being on the scene without any idea what was going on. When food supplies began to stack up in the American Consulate, BIRNS and ROWAN hopped a fast plane to Shanghai just before Communists entered Mukden...Before their departure, they traveled to the front lines where Nationalist General Wong placidly told them there was "nothing to worry about".

LEO MARGOLIN, just returned from checking with his employers, The Times of India, reported that "government by confusion" now reigns in India. The new nation, he said, won independence before its people were prepared to govern themselves. An example: a postal clerk from whom he bought stamps could not add and MARGOLIN had to tote up what he owed him. Pandit Nehru is still India's greatest spiritual leader, MARGOLIN said, but the real political boss of India is Sardar Patel, deputy prime minister. Nehru still wants American aid, but on his own terms. MARGOLIN was struck by India's color-consciousness. Light skin is still a social and political asset cherished by the same Indians who criticize America for its treatment of Negroes. The status of the "untouchables", despite India's Constitutional provisions for their emancipation, remains ten times worse than that of any American Negro.

GLIMPSED HERE AND THERE: N.Y. Timesman DICK JOHNSTON who just returned from Korea for a few weeks before re-assignment to Paris...DAN GROSSI of AP chatting with HENRY GELLERMAN...Founder-President WYTHE WILLIAMS toasting KATHERINE LEEDS.. A circle of cheerful wine-tasters: JACK LEVIEN, BERT BRANDT, CHARLES SEAWOOD and PAUL SHELDON...BOB CONSIDINE furiously deadlining his column with curious members peeking over his shoulder...CHARLIE GILLETTE helping with the wine-pouring ceremonies...Mrs. Ralph Frantz leading members in some rollicking French ditties...JOHN GOETTE conferring with former President BILL CHAPLIN and successor FRANK KELLEY, also past President EUGENE LYONS...LEO BRANHAM taking good care of expectant wife, Millie...

Ralph H. Major, Jr., Temporary Editor

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